

HONORING THE LIFE OF SENATOR
DAN SWECKER

HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 20, 2021

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the life of Senator Dan Swecker. I had the distinct privilege of serving with Dan in the Washington State Legislature and I remain incredibly grateful for his commitment to his country, his family and the communities of Southwest Washington.

While many individuals in our region came to know Dan as a long-time elected official, his service to our nation began much earlier in life. A proud Army veteran, Dan celebrated his 21st birthday while on a combat tour in Vietnam, where he sustained injuries and for his sacrifice earned the distinguished Purple Heart.

It would be incomplete to talk about Dan's public service without mentioning that which provided him consistent strength throughout his life, his Christian faith. Dan's faith led him to become a founding member of the Centralia Christian School Foundation. It was this faith that led to a reputation as a man who would stand by his morals, even when that was not the easy thing to do.

In so many ways, Dan personified a model community member. He was a kind, and humble leader, fueled by a desire to serve his neighbors and support his community. Southwest Washington was lucky to have a leader like Dan as a part of our community.

Dan will be dearly missed by his family and many friends, and my thoughts and prayers remain with his loved ones during this difficult time.

IN HONOR OF AMERICAN LIBRARY
ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT JU-
LIUS JEFFERSON

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Julius C. Jefferson, Jr., for his service this past year as the national president of the American Library Association (ALA). A fourth-generation native of Washington, D.C., Julius received his bachelor's degree in history from Howard University and his master's degree in library science from the University of Maryland. As a librarian, Mr. Jefferson has spent his career committed to advocacy, information policy, diversity, equity and inclusion and professional and leadership development. In recognition of his leadership and dedication to librarianship, the members of the ALA elected Mr. Jefferson to be their 2020–2021 president.

Like so many of us, libraries have had to adapt to changing circumstances during the pandemic, and Julius provided extraordinary leadership throughout this time. Mr. Jefferson began his term as ALA president with a virtual tour of 12 libraries. The "Holding Space" tour is what he called a series of virtual conversations that highlighted the innovation and im-

pact of a diverse range of libraries around the nation. The "Holding Space" tour engaged stakeholders, including elected officials at every level of government, to advocate for libraries and the communities they serve.

I note that many of us in Congress benefit directly from the work of Mr. Jefferson, who serves as a section head of the Congressional Research Service at the Library of Congress. Mr. Jefferson has also served as president of the national Freedom to Read Foundation and of the Washington, D.C. Library Association. As a member of several boards, including the Black Caucus of the American Library Association, Mr. Jefferson has worked to diversify the profession of librarianship and elevate the principles of diversity, equity and inclusion.

Once again, I want to congratulate Julius Jefferson on his term as President of the American Library Association.

TRIBUTE IN MEMORY OF CARTER
CONLEY

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the memory of Captain Carter Conley, founding member and leader of the Magoffin County Rescue Squad in Salyersville, Kentucky where he dedicated nearly 50 years to serving and protecting the community he loved.

Carter made a decision immediately after graduating from the University of Kentucky, nearly five decades ago, to return home to use his bachelor's degree in Early Education, where he would raise a wonderful family and make an impact on his small hometown by also pursuing his dream of becoming a firefighter and certified EMT. Hard work was never a foreign term to Carter—he lived and breathed it, from working his way through college, to uniting a group of community leaders to form the Magoffin County Rescue Squad in 1974. The squad started off with 10 members, \$100.00, and the mountain ingenuity it takes to raise enough money to purchase and refurbish an old bread truck and two old boats from the Jenny Wiley State Park for the rescue squad's first fleet. Thanks to coal severance dollars and the support of the local fiscal court, the rescue squad began to grow, and became essential to emergency response during the flood of 1978. Carter and the squad ramped up fundraising efforts over the years, taking their pleas to the local newspaper, the radio station, and eventually a live televised auction. As a direct result of their tireless efforts, the people of Magoffin County are safer today than ever before.

In addition to his volunteer work with the Magoffin County Rescue Squad, he worked at Mountain Comprehensive Care; he served as an Assistant Fire Chief 1982 to 1985; he was a Level 1 Fire instructor through the Kentucky Fire Commission; and worked at Big Sandy Area Development District as a case manager in aging services for over 15 years. Carter's impact on Magoffin County is widespread and deeply rooted.

As we survey the impact of COVID-19 in our communities, we must look beyond the statistics and see the lives of beloved individ-

uals like Captain Carter Conley, who lost an unpredictable battle, despite his efforts to save others from the same deadly virus.

My wife, Cynthia, and I extend our deepest heartfelt condolences to his wife, Vivian and the entire Conley family. Capt. Conley was a true hometown hero, and although his watch is finally over, I am confident that his great host of family and friends will continue to keep his memory alive.

DEDICATING THE MICHAEL J.
LYNCH MEMORIAL GARDEN

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 20, 2021

Mr. JORDAN. Madam Speaker, I am honored to commend to the House the memory of Special Agent Michael J. Lynch of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Special Agent Lynch was killed in the line of duty in Ohio nearly four decades ago.

Michael Lynch was raised in St. Marys, Ohio. An Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War, where he served as a C-130 loadmaster, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for successfully completing a critical resupply mission over Khe Sanh in February of 1968.

Special Agent Lynch joined the FBI in 1976, assigned first to the Indianapolis division and later to Chicago, where he was part of the SWAT team. On December 16, 1982, he and three other agents lost their lives in an airplane accident while investigating a bank fraud and embezzlement case near Cincinnati.

Tomorrow, at a site just a few blocks away from his childhood home, the Michael J. Lynch Memorial Garden will be dedicated in St. Marys. On behalf of the people of Ohio's Fourth Congressional District, I offer my condolences to his family, friends, and FBI colleagues as they gather to celebrate his selfless service to our nation. I am grateful to the men and women of the FBI for pursuing this honor in tribute to their fallen comrade and thank the leaders and residents of St. Marys for making it a reality.

IN MEMORY OF EVERETT MAYOR
BOB ANDERSON

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

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Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and distinguished career of Everett Mayor Robert "Bob" Carl Anderson, the city's first mayor under its modern charter, who passed away on July 8, 2021.

Mayor Anderson was instrumental in establishing the Boeing 747 "Jumbo Jet" plant at Everett's Paine Field in the late-1960s, which has had a lasting impact on the local economy for 50 years.

Bob Anderson was born on July 11, 1929, in Portland, Oregon to Carl John Anderson and Helen Anderson. He spent most of his childhood in Seattle before later moving to Everett.

He graduated from Roosevelt High School in Seattle and the University of Washington,